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Indiana's New Smoke-Free Air Law Takes Effect Next Week

INDIANAPOLIS (June 25) – Indiana's new Smoke-Free Air Law, which prohibits smoking in most public places and places of employment, takes effect July 1, 2012.

The law, House Enrolled Act 1149, will also prohibit smoking within eight feet of a public entrance to a public place or a place of employment.

Smoking is defined as the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other lighted tobacco smoking equipment. It does not include electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes). A public place is any "enclosed area of a structure in which the public is invited or permitted." A place of employment is any "enclosed area of a structure that is a place of employment." Private vehicles are not included in the new state law.

The Smoke-Free Air Law exempts horse-racing facilities, riverboats, casinos, off-track betting facilities, cigar and hookah bars (use of cigarettes is prohibited), one designated smoking room in a private or fraternal club, retail tobacco stores, stand-alone bars and taverns, cigar manufacturing facilities, cigar specialty stores, and certain businesses located in private residences where all the employees also reside.

Any business meeting one of the law's exemptions that wants to allow smoking, must complete a form found on the ATC's website, www.in.gov/atc.

In addition to the new state law, 42 Indiana cities, towns and counties have smoking ordinances. Any provision of a local ordinance that is more restrictive of smoking than the state law continues in effect.

Additional information about Indiana's Smoke-Free Air Law, including Frequently Asked Questions documents, information on signage requirements (along with free signs), the exception form and other information can be found on the ATC's website, www.in.gov/atc.